

SEGMENTED ROLLED FOOD ITEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A segmented rolled food item is continuously produced using a rotating segmenting roller having a plurality of parallel circumferential lanes each of which contains a series of circumferentially spaced knife edges that are disposed at least substantially parallel to the axis of rotation of the roller and that project radially outward from the surface of the roller. The surface of the roller may also include a plurality of embossing cups or imprinting cups having a knife edge that protrudes radially outward from the surface to form at least one definite shape in each of the multiple strips of food. The segmented rolled food item is produced by feeding multiple continuous at least substantially parallel strips of a flowable food product, each of which are deposited on pre-slit parallel strips of support material, between the nip of an upper anvil surface and the lower surface of the rotating segmenting roller to segment the food. The segmentation may be by a complete, straight cut or by a perforated cut at least substantially or completely across the width of the food strip.. The segmentation and embossing of the food strip occurs without segmentation or embossing of the support strip. After segmenting the food, both the strip of food and the support material are cut into lengths to form leading and trailing ends. Then each strip of food is rolled around a leading end of the support material to obtain a segmented, rolled food item.